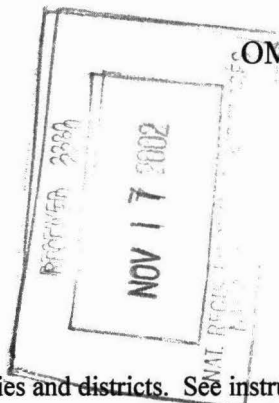


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: SPRING GREEN

Other names/site number: DHR File No. 042-0031 (other file # 42-31-1)

2. Location

street & number: 2160 Old Church Road not for publication  
city or town: Mechanicsville vicinity \_\_\_\_  
state: Virginia code VA county Hanover code 085 zip code: 23111

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_ statewide X locally.  
( \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

  
Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/14/02

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_

National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_

National Register

removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  2  </u> buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  2  </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic                      Sub: Single Dwelling  
Agriculture                      Processing (Smokehouse)

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic                      Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Federal Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
roof Metal (Standing Seam)  
walls Wood (Beaded Weatherboard)  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
See Narrative Description on continuation sheets.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.  
 B removed from its original location.  
 C a birthplace or a grave.  
 D a cemetery.  
 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.  
 F a commemorative property.  
 G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance ca.1764-ca.1800

Significant Dates ca.1764

Ca.1800

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 6.98

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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2	_____	_____	4	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Meredith Holden

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date June 6, 2001 and August 1, 2002

street & number 2160 Old Church Road telephone (804)779-3704

city or town Mechanicsville state VA zip code 23111

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Norman and Meredith Holden

street & number 2160 Old Church Road telephone (804)779-3704

city or town Mechanicsville state VA zip code 23111

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SPRING GREEN  
HANOVER COUNTY, VA

**Summary Description:**

Spring Green is located on Old Church Road in Hanover County, Virginia. The entry drive is lined with old cedar trees. The house is surrounded by English and American boxwoods. The property contains 6.98 acres. Spring Green is a Federal style, center-hall, single pile, 1-1/2 story, wood-frame residence dating to ca.1800 (it contains an earlier structure.) Every piece of the original house is hand-hewn or whip sawn, mortise-and-tenon construction and pegged. Original interior woodwork includes: heart pine floors, mantels, wainscot, and stair. The interior walls are covered with original plaster and are three inches thick in some areas. Associated with the earliest period of the house, is a contributing smokehouse. There are two noncontributing outbuildings.

**ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS:**

Spring Green is a vernacular Federal-style, center-hall, single-pile, 1-1/2 story, wood-frame residence that reached its present form around 1800 (it incorporates an earlier building of unknown date.) The exterior is beaded weatherboard in heart pine and poplar. About 75% of the original siding has survived. Every piece of the framing is hand-hewn or whip-sawn, very heavy, and mortised and pegged. The brick chimneys are five feet wide and three feet thick at the base, and have stepped shoulders. All of the chimneys have variations of 1:5 American bond. Two brick end chimneys are connected with a brick pent closet, on the east side. On the west side is a large brick exterior end chimney. The first floor windows have 9-over-9 sash and much of the old glass survives. Most of the exterior window trim is original. The cornices are plain box made out of heart pine. There is earlier framing with pegged (exposed) window sills on the east section. The gable roof has three gable dormers on the front and two on the back. All of the dormer windows have 6-over-6 sash. Most of the roof sheathing is original to the house. The oldest section includes the hall and east parlor with the old kitchen behind it. These rooms are served by two chimneys connected by a brick pent closet. Across the hall is the west parlor and beyond it a wing now housing a kitchen and a den which was built in 1950. In 1990, an additional shed-roofed section was added behind the old kitchen. The three bay porch on the front of the house and the small side porch are not original.

The interior is a center-hall plan with pent addition. The floors are original 6" heart pine throughout (except for the east side parlor-- which caught fire-- and shed addition.) The first floor has beaded baseboards. The door and window architraves on the first floor are two-part with beaded inner edges and attached moldings on their outer edges. The original six-panel doors have panels set flush with the surface on the exterior with vertical beads on the panel edges. Many of the doors have original wrought-iron hardware. The wainscot consists of a single panel and a plain chair rail with a beaded bottom edge and projecting crown molding that forms sills under the windows. There is a beaded picture molding with clothes pegs in the hall. The stair has a quarter-turn with winders. There is a small closet under it. The stair has a pegged newel, square in section, molded handrail, rectangular balusters, and a beaded stringer. The square caps on top of the newel and baluster posts have unusual, small, square, hand-carved finials. The newel posts, balusters, and hand rails are made of walnut. The treads are made of heart pine.

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An unusual feature on the first floor are the two cubby-holes on the west wall of the hall in the corner near the rear end door. To create the cubby-holes the wall was built out a few inches. The cubby-holes are not noticeable to the uninitiated visitor because the doors are covered with wallpaper and they are built to close flush with the wall. The plaster walls are mostly original. The height of the rooms is 9 feet. The mantel in the west side parlor has late Federal elements and is the most elaborate in the house. It has fluted pilasters on plinths, a plain architrave, and an unusual frieze covered with hand-carved horizontal fluting and featuring raised impost blocks with recessed ovals. The molded cornice steps out over the impost blocks, and the projecting mantelshelf has a molded edge. The mantle in the east side parlor has flanking pilasters on plinths with unusual rectangular panels on the shafts of the pilasters with bolection panels. The architrave and frieze are plain, and the frieze has raised impost blocks. The molded cornice steps out over the impost blocks, and the mantelshelf has a molded edge. The east parlor has panels flanking the fireplace that are a later addition, as is the built-in corner cupboard. Behind the east parlor is the original kitchen, which includes a brick, pent closet. Flanking the fireplace on the other side is a cubbyhole closet.

The second floor has plain, beaded baseboards and the floors are original. The second floor architraves are similar to the first floor, but with only one-fascia architraves. The dormers are original. There is a small hall chamber, now used as a bathroom and a bedroom on either side of the hall. Each bedroom has small 4-pane windows on each side of each chimney. An unusual feature on the second floor is the original six panel doors in both bedrooms, which serve as a closet door when opened and serve as a bedroom door when closed. The doors have the original hardware. The door in the east side bedroom has H-L hinges with leather washers. The name of one of the Bayliss children is carved into the plaster in the west side bedroom. The Bayliss family lived at Spring Green from 1866 – 1897.

The cellar walls are of 5-course American bond with an English bond chimney. The floors were originally brick and heart pine, however they have been reworked. The walls also appear to have been reworked over time, probably because of flooding as the house is built on a spring (hence the name Spring Green).

Smokehouse: There is an original contributing smokehouse behind the east side of the house that has early framing and is associated with the earliest period of the house. It has a gable roof and vertically sheathed door with strap hinges and a wrought-iron hasp.

Noncontributing outbuildings include the frame barn built c.1985 and the frame farm vehicle shed constructed c.1965.



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SPRING GREEN  
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**Summary Statement of Significance:**

Spring Green in Hanover County is a well preserved example of a 1-1/2-story, frame Virginia farmhouse from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Its three chimneys and pent closet are particularly noteworthy. The interior presents a high degree of integrity and unusual features including built in cubby-holes and unusual closets. It is eligible at the local level under Criterion C for architecture.

**Historical Background:**

The earliest owner was George Earnest whose land was processed in 1764, according to the St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book. He was last mentioned in this source in 1779. In 1782, George Earnest had 719 acres, less 58 acres conveyed to Samuel Earnest, George Earnest's son, who by 1787 was paying taxes on 726 acres. Samuel Earnest died about 1818 and his estate was shown as adjoining John Kelley's and John Street's. Two years later, in 1820, John H. Earnest was shown with the acreage, "conveyed from Samuel Earnest Estate." The John H. Earnest family lived here for about forty-six years when in 1866 he deeded the 249 acres to J. Henry Coghill as Trustee for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bayliss and her children. When the Bayliss family lived here (1866 - 1897) Spring Green was "noted for its hospitality." The name of one of the Bayliss children is carved into the plaster in the west side bedroom. In 1897 the Bayliss family sold to James R. Apperson the "same land on which the late Silas P. Bayliss resided at the time of his death." Other owners of Spring Green were: Lucy C. Harwood and A.S. Harwood, Mary G. Eames (Armes), E.S. and Emma Barfoot, Lonnie and Agnes Spaugh, Paul and Eunice Swasey, Herman and Miriam Lukhard. Norman Holden purchased Spring Green in 1980 and currently owns it with his wife, Meredith Holden.

Spring Green is one of a group of Federal-style vernacular, frame, 1-1/2-story, single-pile, central-passage houses in the eastern portion of Hanover County. Almost always frame, the design represents a typical Virginia Tidewater house. Many of these early-nineteenth-century houses feature Federal-style details. The Old Church hamlet has a fine collection of such dwellings including White Plains (DHR 42-69) and Bloomsbury (DHR 42-130) in addition to Spring Green. Other houses similar to Spring Green in Hanover County include Laurel Meadow, Summer House, Quietude, and Hill Meadow. These houses all show typical building practices in the area during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Building traditions established in Hanover County during the mid-to late eighteenth century persisted in vernacular residences until the Civil War. Interior woodwork began to demonstrate the influence of the Federal style after the Revolutionary War and the use of Federal-inspired details remained popular until the 1850s.

Spring Green is well preserved and presents a high degree of integrity of its original materials and workmanship. Many of the interior walls retain their original plaster and the rooms feature original floors, mantels, wainscot and stair.

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**Major Bibliographical References:**

Hanover County Historical Society. Old Homes of Hanover County, Virginia. Walsworth Publishing, 1983

Library of Virginia. Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory- File HAN-55

Hanover County land tax records. Hanover County Courthouse, Hanover, Virginia

Virginia Department of Historic Resources survey and file. DHR file # 042-0031 (other file # 42-31-1)

**Geographical Data:**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The property known as Spring Green is identified as parcel #8765-75-3609 on the tax parcel maps for Hanover County, Virginia.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for Spring Green includes the main house and the associated outbuilding (smokehouse) that have historically been part of the property.

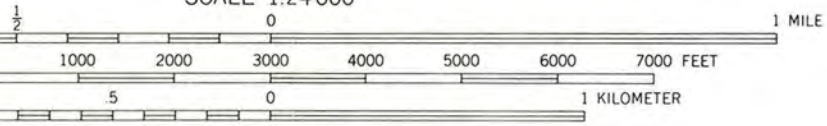




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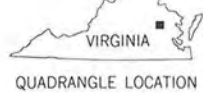
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 Spring Green  
 Hanover County, VA



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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 INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1987  
 312000m.E.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
○ Interstate Route	□ U. S. Route
	○ State Route

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